

## BLANKETING PROTOCOL

*Corresponds with Requirement 11.1*

The facility owner provides blankets for all horses they own, as needed. Clients of this facility are expected to provide blankets for their own horses, as needed.

All clients are expected to follow this protocol as per the Boarding Agreement. Failure to comply will result in:

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*(e.g., facility owner/manager provides blanket for the horse in need and charges the client accordingly).*

There are enough blankets on the property to provide one for every horse in the event of extreme inclement weather. Horses are blanketed on an as needed basis.

Decisions regarding blanketing must consider the following factors:

- If the horse's coat is clipped or unclipped.
- Horse body condition.
- Horse health status.
- Weather conditions.
- Any additional concerns about the safety and welfare of the horse.

Blankets are checked daily to ensure that they are in good repair. Blankets are changed immediately to a different blanket of a similar or identical weight if they are found to be in disrepair.

Blanketed horses are checked beneath the blanket at minimum once per week to ensure:

- Blankets are not causing any undue harm (e.g., rubs or abrasions)
- Blankets are in good condition underneath their blanket
- The horse has not developed any health concerns (e.g., skin infections) beneath their blanket



Information is provided (*indicate where*) \_\_\_\_\_ regarding the recommended blanket fill weight for different temperature ranges and blanket maintenance to ensure good condition and cleanliness.